

FRELINGHUYSEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes of Meeting of March 24, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Shelley Scoleri at 7:40 pm.

Announcement of Proper Notice

Notice of this meeting was provided by posting notice at the Township Municipal Building in Johnsonburg, and advertising in the New Jersey Herald and Star Gazette, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. As advertised, action may be taken at this meeting.

Attendance

Present: Rich Dericks, Alan DeCarolis, Shelly Scoleri, Bill Crone, Sister Miriam MacGillis, Robin Randolph, and Maureen Cullen (7:46)

Absent: Russ Walters

Minutes

Alan DeCarolis made a motion to approve the February 25, 2008 minutes, seconded by Rich Dericks – all in favor, aye. Sister Miriam MacGillis abstained.

Public Comment

Old Business

Superfund Cleanup – Greendell Road

- Per the township committee, the township attorney will be contacting the land owner.

Solar Panels

- The Board of Education has appointed Meaggan Stephens to be their representative for solar panels. We will contact Ms. Stephens once the Ordinance is in place to have her come to a meeting. She has also suggested that someone from the Environmental Commission go to a Board of Ed meeting to discuss with all members.
- Sister Miriam said that the educational places aren't a good kind of place where the money is good. They are starting to phase out rebates that are in place now. She suggested that the Environmental Commission and the Board of Education members attend any meeting that Alex Cornela puts on at the townhall. Also gave a website to look into: www.NJboardofPublicutilities.com

New Business

- ANJEC Smart Growth Grant
 - After Shelley Scoleri spoke with Mayor Charles regarding grant writers to utilize, she has decided that we will not be able to apply for any grants at this time. She did ask the committee members if they know anyone or would like to handle grants to please contact her.
 - Alan DeCarolis suggested that possibly MLC (Morris Land Conservancy) could help in completion of them. Robin Randolph said that possibly for a cost but they deal more with land acquisitions.

- Sister Miriam spoke of a meeting with Jerry Brunetti of Bushkill Township in PA regarding pelletizing grass. She said that they are thinking of having local farmers harvest. There is a grass pellet summit in June and will let us know the dates. There is a meeting at Genesis Farms on April 13th at 1:30 pm where Mr. Brunetti will be presenting.
- Bill Crone will be attending the Global Green Expo in Jersey City April 25-27. He will report to us when he returns.
- Ms. Scoleri handed all members present some information on Environmental Commissions mission for the webpage. Asking all members to bring comments/additions to next meeting.
- Sister Miriam proposed showing a film regarding genetic engineering of food at our next meeting. Ms. Scoleri asked if we should open to the public. Sister Miriam will set a date with Brenda Kleber and work with Maureen Cullen who will advertise it in the Mustang Messenger at the elementary school. Sister Miriam will notify us of the date.

Planning Board Report (Robin Randolph)

- Angeleri – Block 1201, Lot17.06 minor subdivision – sent back to get more information
- Dale Durling – Approved 2 six acre subdivisions
- Waiting on budget approval.

Open Space Report (Maureen Cullen)

- Counter offer was approved by Township Committee for Reisberg property – should go out this week
- Signs for properties acquired through open space are being redone. Since there is no budget for Open Space, Mayor Charles has said that they have money for these signs through the township.
- Ms. Scoleri spoke with Brenda Kleber and found a place for native/invasive resources to be kept in the townhall. Need to purchase.
- Nancy Nicholoff received a letter for approval of NJ Forestry grant for consultant to write plan.

Zoning Board (Russ Walters - absent)

- Application for Kids Corp on Lincoln Laurel Road. Looked at maps and will carry to next meeting in April.

NJ Forestry Management Plan (Robin Randolph)

- Received letter for approval of NJ Forestry grant for consultant to write the plan.

Correspondence

All Correspondence was reviewed.

- NJ DEP Letter to Mr. David Hicks, P.E. re: Main Street Johnsonburg Historical District Phase 2.
- Frelinghuysen Township School – re: Board Member, Meaggan Stephens, discuss solar panels.
- Kidds Corp II- Block 104, Lot 10
- Angeleri (North Warren Properties) – Block 1201, Lot 17.06 Minor Subdivision

- Frelinghuysen Township Municipal Clerk – Gypsy Moth Aerial Suppression Program and Superfund site on Greendell Road
- Ridge and Valley Conservancy, Inc. – annual membership appeal
- NJ Department of Agriculture – 2008 Annual Seedling & Wildflower Sale

Adjournment

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Alan DeCarolis, seconded by Bill Crone to adjourn the meeting. All members present were in favor of adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Zilberfarb
Environmental Commission Secretary